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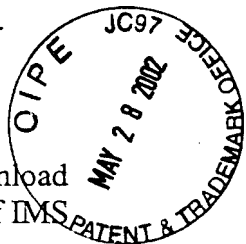
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 22, 2001, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicant has corrected the drawings as indicated by the Examiner in the "Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review", PTO-948.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicant has corrected the abstract to contain a single paragraph. Please replace the current three paragraph abstract (i.e., lines 4 through 15 of page 29) with the following single paragraph: